## AGENDA MAINE STATE HARNESS RACING COMMISSION MEETING

June 23, 2022

## Room 101, Deering Building, 90 Blossom Lane, Augusta, Maine Starting Time 9:00 A.M.

- 1. Call the Meeting to Order and Introductions:
- **Executive Session.** The Commission will go into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. Section 405(6)(F) to discuss matters that are confidential by statute.
- 3. Review and Approval of Minutes
- 4. Continuation of Discussion About Paying After Fifth Place. In light of the steep increases in fuel prices, the Maine Harness Horsemen's Association has requested to continue the discussion and seek agreement about options to payout beyond fifth place.
- **5. Review of Chapter 7 and Possible Amendments.** The Commission will review CMR 01-017, Chapter 7 for the purposes of determining whether to initiate rulemaking, and if so, what amendments to propose.
- **6.** Commission Discussion About Modernizing the Maine Sires Stakes Program. The Commission will discuss the Maine Sire Stakes Program and how to reverse years of declining participation in the program.
- 7. Adjudicatory Hearing: (note: this hearing is scheduled for 11:00 A.M.)

**RE:** Appeal of a Judge's Decision by Kim Ireland. Kim Ireland is appealing the decision made by the judges at First Tracks Cumberland on December 5, 2021. Mr. Ireland is appealing the decision to place the horse "Bruizn" for an extended break during the Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Race.

- **8. Threatening of Officials.** The Department will share concerns about the ongoing pattern of anonymous threats to racing officials.
- 9. Update Relative to the Commission Policy on Remote Participation. Assistant Attorney General Elizabeth Stivers will update the Commission on pending amendments to the laws governing remote participation in public meetings.
- 10. Other Business

Prohibited Substance Update 2020 Lasix Past Due Payment Update

- 11. Public Comment
- 12. Schedule of Future Meetings: The Third Tuesday of Every Month Except June 23
- 13. Adjourn